

## HB 850 -- VIRTUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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This bill changes the laws regarding virtual education programs. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Specifies that a school district must receive state funding for resident students who are taking a virtual course or full-time virtual program offered by a school district, charter school or through the Missouri Virtual Program (MoVIP) administered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Currently, a district must receive state funding for resident students who are taking a virtual course or full-time virtual program offered by the school district;
- (2) Specifies that students with preapproval from their sending school or school district may take coursework beyond the recommended six-hour requirement in order to complete additional coursework, perform advance coursework, or credit recovery for prior performance or attendance issues;
- (3) Changes the percentage of hours from 47% to 100% of attendance hours possible for a course delivered in the nonvirtual program in a student's resident school district for course completion of a virtual class for purposes of the calculation and distribution of state school funding; and
- (4) Adds MoVIP and third-party virtual content providers to the list of entities that must ensure courses purchased from an outside vendor align with specified standards and comply with state requirements for teacher certification. The bill changes those standards from those aligned with the Show-Me Curriculum to those aligned with the Missouri Learning Standards.